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SUBJECT: CCD: PLENARY STATEMENT BY NETHERLANDS STATE SECRETARY
ON NUCLEAR AND OTHER ISSUES, MARCH 31.

1. SUMMARY: NETHERLANDS STATE SECRETARY MADE MAJOR STATEMENT
AT CCD PLENARY ON MARCH 31 DEVOTED PRIMARILY TO NUCLEAR
ISSUES, INCLUDING ADVOCACY OF SAFER NUCLEAR FUEL CYCLE
WITH RESPECT TO PROLIFERATION OF WEAPONS CAPABILITIES.
END SUMMARY

2. DR. P.H. KOOIJMANS, NETHERLANDS STATE SECRETARY FOR
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DISARMAMENT AND UNITED NATIONS AFFAIRS, DELIVERED A MAJOR
ARMS CONTROL STATEMENT AT THE CCD PLENARY ON MARCH 31.
WHILE HE TOOK NOTE OF THE UN SPECIAL SESSION AT THE
BEGINNING OF HIS STATEMENT, AND ADDRESSED CHEMICAL WEAPONS
(CW) AT THE END, THE CENTER PIECE OF HIS PRESENTATION DEALT
WITH NUCLEAR ISSUES.

3. DR. KOOLJMAN'S SAID THAT NON-PROLIFERATION POLICY IS BOTH A POLITICAL AND TECHNICAL PROBLEM. HE STATED HIS CONVICTION THAT HORIZONTAL PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS CANNOT BE STOPPED IN THE LONG RUN "IF THE PRESENT NUCLEAR WEAPON STATES DO NOT ENTER INTO REAL NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT." HE NOTED THAT NPT HAS ONLY 18 YEARS LEFT WHICH PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY TO START THE PROCESS OF NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT.

4. WITH RESPECT TO HORIZONTAL PROLIFERATION, DR. KOOLJMAN'S SAID THAT NUCLEAR SAFEGUARDS "WOULD BE CONSIDERABLY EASIER TO APPLY AND THE WORLD WOULD BE MORE SAFE IF THE AMOUNTS OF NUCLEAR MATERIAL WHICH CAN BE USED DIRECTLY FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVES WOULD BE AS SMALL AS POSSIBLE." HE SUGGESTED THAT MORE THOUGHT BE GIVEN TO DEVELOPING "SAFER FUEL CYCLES" WHICH DO NOT INCLUDE ISOLATION OF PLUTONIUM OR HIGHLY ENRICHED URANIUM. HE TOOK NOTE OF THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

- A. MINIMIZE OR EVEN COMPLETELY ABANDON THE REPROCESSING OF SPENT FUEL, AT LEAST FOR TIME BEING.
- B. BUILD MULTINATIONAL URANIUM ENRICHMENT PLANTS WHICH ARE LIMITED TO PRODUCTION OF LOW-ENRICHED URANIUM.
- C. POSTPONE INTRODUCTION OF FAST BREEDER REACTORS.
- D. DEVELOP THE THORIUM-URANIUM BREDDING CYCLE INSTEAD OF URANIUM-PLUTONIUM.
- E. STOP DEVELOPMENT OF CERTAIN TYPES OF HIGH TEMPERATURE GAS COOLED REACTORS WHICH USE HIGHLY ENRICHED URANIUM.
- F. CREATION OF MULTINATIONAL FUEL CYCLE CENTERS.
- G. BLENDING MATERIALS TO MAKE MISUSE MORE DIFFICULT.

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- H. STORING DANGEROUS MATERIALS IN INTERNATIONAL STORAGE VAULTS.

5. DR. KOOLJMAN'S CALLED FOR THE VIEWS OF OTHER GOVERNMENTS ON:

- A. THE IDEA OF A WORLDWIDE INHERENTLY SAFE NUCLEAR FUEL CYCLE.
- B. THE WAY TO SET UP AN INTERNATIONAL DIALOGUE ON THE QUESTION.

6. HE EMPHASIZED THE NEED TO STRENGTHEN INTERNATIONAL SAFEGUARDS IN THE MEANTIME AND SAID, "ALL EFFORTS SHOULD BE MADE WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE IAEA TO IMPROVE THE EXISTING SAFEGUARDS SYSTEM AND TO FURTHER DEVELOP ALL FORMS OF ADDITIONAL SAFEGUARDS."

7. DR. KOOLJMAN'S RECOGNIZED THAT THE LONDON NUCLEAR SUPPLIERS CONSULTATIONS HAVE BEEN THE SUBJECT OF SHARP CRITICISM, BUT SAID THAT NUCLEAR EXPORTING COUNTRIES BEAR A VERY SPECIAL

RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE SURE THAT SUCH EXPORTS WILL NOT CONTRIBUTE TO UNDERMINING INTERNATIONAL SECURITY. HE ADDED THAT LONDON CONSULTATIONS SHOULD BE SEEN AS A TRANSITORY STAGE PENDING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A DIALOGUE THAT WILL INVOLVE BOTH SUPPLIERS AND RECIPIENT COUNTRIES.

8. WITH RESPECT TO COMPREHENSIVE NUCLEAR TEST BAN (CTB), DR. KOIJMANS GAVE "VERY HEARTILY WELCOME" TO SWEDISH DRAFT. HE SAW VALUE IN TOTAL BAN PROPOSED BY SWEDES EVEN THOUGH THERE WOULD BE IMPORTANT OVERLAP WITH 1963 LIMITED TEST BAN TREATY, WHICH HE SAID SHOULD REMAIN IN FORCE. WITH REGARD TO VERIFICATION, HE CALLED FOR ESTABLISHING ROLE FOR INTERNATIONAL BODY WITH GENUINE FACT-FINDING POWERS, NOTING THAT ALL COUNTRIES HAVE A VITAL INTEREST IN PROPER ENFORCEMENT OF CTB.

9. HE SAW PNES AS GREAT STUMBLING BLOCK TO CTB AND EXPRESSED UNCLASSIFIED

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OPINION THAT SPEEDY CONCLUSION OF CTB IS CONSIDERABLY MORE IMPORTANT THAN POSSIBLE ADVANTAGES OF PNES.SORENSEN

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